

the above-captioned application. A Notice of Appeal is included with this response.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 12, 13 and 18 without prejudice to future prosecution thereof and amend the following claims:

14. (Amended) Recombinant nucleic acid comprising a contiguous nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ. ID. NO. 2 and a promoter effective to initiate transcription of said contiguous nucleic acid sequence in a host cell.

15. (Amended) Recombinant nucleic acid comprising a contiguous nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue 18 to 494 of SEQ. ID. NO. 2 and a promoter effective to initiate transcription of said contiguous nucleic acid sequence in a host cell.